



Galway Get Together

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A bi-weekly online newsletter promoting local resources and opportunities

A community service of the Galway Public Library, P.O. Box 207, Galway, NY 12074 Phone: 882-6385.

For Sale

Rabbits for sale - \$15 each. Contact pbrabbitry@nym.hush.com for pictures and more information.

Services Available

Child Care in my NYS registered family day care home for infants through preschool. I have 20+ years of experience and a B. S. in Education. I provide age-appropriate activities, preschool skills and socialization. Most importantly, I offer your child loving care in a safe environment. Call 882-5001 for information or an interview.

Community Announcements

The Board of Trustees of the Galway Public Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Michol Tuttle as Library Director. Ms Tuttle holds a Master of Science in Information Science from the State University of NY at Albany and has been serving as an Adult Services Librarian at the Town of Ballston Community Library in Burnt Hills. She is a resident of Rotterdam. Ms. Tuttle will begin her work as Galway Library Director on Feb.17.

Hey Jude, The Sounds of the Beatles, Live in Galway — Saturday, February 8, 7pm *Hey Jude*, an authentic Beatles tribute band, brings classic Beatles songs and humor to the stage of the Galway High School Auditorium.

Get your tickets online now at www.galwaylionsclubny.org, OR pick them up at the Galway Market, the Galway Library or the Galway Village Home and Garden. **Tickets are \$18/person. \$10 each for children under 12 and \$10 for active military (not available on website). Popular VIP passes are also offered for \$150.**

Congratulations to Sixth Grader Gabrielle Scheeren, Spelling Bee Champion for 2014. On January 16, 20 Galway Central School student finalists, Grades 4 - 8, competed in the 15th annual Galway Lions Spelling Bee. Sixth grader Gabrielle Scheeren earned the title of cham-



Lion President Ken Perez presents awards to Spelling Bee Champion, Gabrielle Scheeren,

gift card to the champion. The four runner-ups were awarded \$15 gift cards. All 20 participants received electronic spelling dictionaries/calculators. The Lions Club is grateful to Eric Fana (Galway Central School) and Lion Orv Curtiss for organizing and coordinating this event.

Galway Preservation Society Meeting on Feb. 3, 7:30pm at the Galway Town Hall. Program: **Saratoga County Through the Years: A Mapping Project**, by Bob Jones. Also, now available newly designed note cards — pkg. of 8 for \$5.

Do you have a news item, article, recipe or photo you'd like to share with the readers of the *Galway Get Together*? Send it to: mcuffeperez@gmail.com. **Next issue deadline: February 12, 2014.**



I was blessed with a sunny day, an afternoon off, and a chance to search for Snowy Owls at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, VT. After two hours watching while trying to keep fingers and toes from freezing, this Snowy Owl took off from his tree top perch and flew toward me, hovering for several seconds right in front of me before returning to his perch. — By Ellie George (Full article next page)

The Galway PTSA is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Honorary Life Membership Award and recognizes a recipient of the Distinguished Service award. The presentation will be held on March 3 beginning at 6:30pm with a dessert social and entertainment.

We invite you to nominate someone whose volunteerism has gone above and beyond to support our community and the PTSA, especially as it benefits youth. He or she does not need to be a member of the PTSA nor have a student attend the Galway School.

Nomination forms are available at the school, Galway Public Library and at the Galway Market. **Forms must be completed by February 10** and submitted to the Joseph Henry Elementary office attn: Shanon Kress, Founder's Day. If you have any questions please contact Shanon at 212-5036.



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Sixth Annual Chocolate Festival —
Sat., Feb. 8, from 1-4pm at St. Andrew's Church, 50 Sacandaga Rd, Scotia. Elegant chocolate treats will be available to purchase, as well as gifts for your sweetheart. Come early for the best selections. We have sold out early in the past! Any questions, please send e-mail to chocfeststa@yahoo.com.

Galway Lions Community Breakfast, Sat., March 15, 7-11am, at Bob's Trees Ski Lodge. \$7/adults; \$4/children ten years and under. Breakfast includes pancakes and syrup, French Toast bake and syrup, home fried potatoes, ham, sausage and eggs. Take out is available. For more information, go to www.galwaylionsclub.ny.org.

Greenfield Historical Society will meet Feb. 18, 7pm at Greenfield Community Center. Program: **Writer and historian, Ron Feulner, will discuss "Greenfield Before it Became Greenfield."**

Galway Seniors regular business meeting will be held 1pm, Feb. 6 at the Galway Town Hall. Doris Hersey, trip director, will announce upcoming trips for sign-up at this meeting.

Smart Driving Course —March 20, 9am-3:30pm at the Galway Town Hall. This course will allow a discount on your automobile insurance. Approved AARP instructor. AARP Members: \$20; non-members: \$25. Pack a lunch for lunch break. To register call 882-9796. Or leave phone message.

Pancake Breakfast at Bob's Trees Ski Lodge - Feb. 15, 8am—Noon, to benefit People to People Student Ambassador Rachel Germain. Menu: blueberry, corn, chocolate-chip or plain pancakes; sausage; fruit salad; coffee and juice. \$7 adults; \$4 children 6-12; children 5 and under are free. Please RSVP to Peggy at 882-5589 by Feb. 1. Snow date: Sun., Feb. 16. There will also be a bake sale.

Middle Grove United Methodist Church, 429 Middle Grove Rd., Middle Grove, will hold their annual Souper Bowl of Caring Chili Fest on Sun., Feb 2, 10am - 1pm (or until chili is sold out). Many varieties for \$5/quart, including traditional, venison, white chicken, extra spicy, etc. Proceeds benefit ECHO Food Pantry in Rock City Falls (Ecumenical Community Helping Others). Wheelchair accessible.

Thank you to the Community from the Holiday Basket Committee
On December 24, the Greater Galway Community Holiday Basket Project delivered 116 baskets filled with food and gifts for 165 children and 37 adults. The food baskets were full of grocery items to feed a family for a week, including meats, eggs, milk, cereal, fruit and many canned items. In addition to the 165 children, at least 232 adults benefitted from these food baskets.

The project is totally dependent on an incredible number of hours donated by approximately **325 volunteers, many of whom are actively involved in the 35 community organizations and churches** who support the endeavor. In addition, 23 businesses made generous donations as did many individuals. The project requires the utilization of the dining room, chapel, and kitchen areas of the West Charlton United Presbyterian Church.

As the saying goes – “it takes a village to raise a child”; it also “takes a dedicated community to produce the holiday baskets”. It is gratifying to see many of the volunteers who grew up working on the project as teen members of one of the organizations or churches continue their volunteerism with the project for decades after. Every contribution was appreciated.

Nature Notes

Beautiful Arctic Visitor—By *Ellie George*

Snowy owls live and breed in the arctic, but some years lack of food drives them south in what is called an “irruption.” This year’s irruption of Snowy owls is one of the largest in decades, especially in the Northeast. The owls had a successful breeding last season, due to high lemming populations, and some summer fledglings were forced to migrate south to find food, since the winter lemming supply will not support their numbers, and the mature owls may chase the juveniles away to protect their own food supply. It is normal for some young Snowy owls to migrate south to the northern parts of the U.S. to feed in the winter, but this year’s “bumper crop” has brought owls as far as southern Florida.

Juvenile Snowies look like adults, except females have darker plumage with black markings. Juvenile males and adult females have black or brown spots or wing bars. Adult males are nearly all white. The owl on Page 1 is probably a juvenile male.

Snowy owls feed on small mammals from mouse to rabbit sized, birds, especially waterfowl, and even fish. Snowies prefer wide open grasslands, like those of their native arctic home.

To see a Snowy owl, check birding websites, such as E-bird, Surfbirds, and Birder's Digest that post sightings of Snowies and other birds of interest. Snowies have been seen in our region, but the best closest place I know to see them is Addison County, VT.

In your quest for Snowies, find out where they have been seen, bring maps, binoculars, camera, and a sense of wonder. Snowies hunt during the day and are not very afraid of humans. Watch from a respectful distance.

The Galway Get Together seeks to help build a more cohesive and conservation-minded community through local trade and networking. The Galway Public Library is not responsible for the outcome of any exchange.